







Robbie Coltrane at the BAFTA awards, where he picked up the best TV actor award for the third year running for his role in Cracker, again judged best drama series. PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

# Goldsmith turns screw on Major

Michael White  
Political Editor

**J**OHAN MAJOR last night faced fresh pressure from the Conservative right wing as Sir James Goldsmith made plain he would not withdraw his threatened Referendum Party challenge and back-bench Euro-sceptics stepped forward to demand that the Cabinet take a tougher line over the European ban on British beef. In his most extensive foray into the political arena since ending months of silence, Sir James, who has pledged £20 million of his vast fortune to force a referendum on "who governs Britain... Westminster or Brussels", used a television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby to accuse the Government of "a consistent record of appeasement" towards the European Union. But with Mr Major reportedly having called the EU hierarchy "a bunch of shits", some Tories saw Sir James's tone as covering a discreet retreat from earlier demands for a referendum on the 1991 Maastricht treaty, rather than on the single currency issue as the Cabinet has now promised. During a combative and flamboyant performance, the billionaire financier embraced the reported offer of talks from Mr Major's Euro-sceptical ex-colleague, John Redwood, saying: "If they want to come and talk to me, I'm happy to talk." But asked if he would drop his threat to run candidates against sitting MPs, as Mr Redwood hopes, Sir James replied: "I will listen to his point of view and reject it." Last night Mr Redwood was undismayed, stressing that the Goldsmith camp, not he, had sought the meeting which he hoped would still go ahead. With Norman Lamont giving Sir James tacit encouragement, the financier confirmed "the likelihood" that he will personally stand against the pro-European Conservative MP David Mellor in Putney. With Tory MPs braced for more pressure on the Cabinet from both sides of the party, there was speculation that had results in the local elections on May 2 will renew talk of Mr Major standing down. A few MPs on both Euro-wings are muttering to that effect. But more Tories see that as fantasy. "We may lose with

him; we'll certainly lose without him," said one MP. The most exotic manifestation of subtle pressure from the right wing came in the shape of claims that Mr Major had again resorted to Briton language to express his frustrations over Europe. The Sunday Express — no longer the Prime Minister's most reliable press friend — reported that he regards his EU colleagues as having "acted like a bunch of shits". "It just shows there is no such thing as what is good for Europe. The only thing that counts is what is good for each country," a furious Mr Major is supposed to have said at a private meeting after key EU figures, such as the agricultural commissioner, Franz Fischler, were reported as saying they would be prepared to eat British beef if it was not banned. Downing Street refused to comment, but Mr Major's next form includes his famous "bastards" remark on an open ITN microphone. What the Express report

## The PM reportedly accused Brussels of 'acting like a bunch of shits' over the beef crisis

was mainly designed to do was raise expectations that Mr Major is expected to "get tough" with Europe, possibly by withholding Britain's next £800 million gross monthly payment to the EU if the beef ban is not lifted. Senior officials, fresh from Mr Major's summit in Moscow with key EU colleagues, however played down the threat. With Norman Lamont giving Sir James tacit encouragement, the financier confirmed "the likelihood" that he will personally stand against the pro-European Conservative MP David Mellor in Putney. With Tory MPs braced for more pressure on the Cabinet from both sides of the party, there was speculation that had results in the local elections on May 2 will renew talk of Mr Major standing down. A few MPs on both Euro-wings are muttering to that effect. But more Tories see that as fantasy. "We may lose with

# Emma Thompson heads British film awards

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Media Correspondent

**E**MMA Thompson's lavish film version of Sense and Sensibility won three British Academy Awards last night as the entertainment world continued its love affair with Jane Austen. BBC2's adaptation of Persuasion captured one of the top TV honours at the ceremony, Britain's equivalent of Hollywood's Oscars. But BBC1's Pride and Prejudice, which attracted audiences of over 12 million and had been expected to pick up three TV awards, suffered a disappointment. Actress Jennifer Ehle was the programme's sole winner. Costume drama dominated many of the honours from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, with the Channel 4-funded film, The Madness

**BAFTA winners**

- Best film: Sense and Sensibility.
- Award for outstanding British film: The Madness of King George.
- Best actress: Emma Thompson (Sense and Sensibility).
- Best actor: Nigel Hawthorne (The Madness of King George).
- People's vote: Favourite film: Braveheart.

**Television**

- Best single drama: Persuasion (BBC2).
- Best drama series: Cracker (ITV).
- Best drama serial: Politician's Wife (Channel 4).
- Best talk show: Panorama: Interview with HRH the Princess of Wales (BBC1).
- People's vote: Favourite television: The X Files (BBC2).

Oscar last month for the screenplay. The TV awards were again captured by ITV's Cracker, best drama series for the second year running. Robbie Coltrane was best actor for the third successive year. This year he beat off competition from Colin Firth, tipped for his role as Mr Darcy in Pride and Prejudice. Channel 4's The Politician's Wife, which starred Trevor Eve as a philandering Tory minister and Juliet Stevenson as his revenge-seeking wife, bested Pride and Prejudice to be named best drama serial. The Panorama interview with the Princess of Wales, which attracted last year's largest television audience, of 23 million, won the best talk show category, beating Gyles and Kate Winslet, who won best actress and best supporting actress. Thompson won an

award in front of an audience at London's Theatre Royal that included the Princess Royal. BAFTA's president, Accepting the award, Mr Bashir, already honoured by the Royal Television Society and the Broadcasting Press Guild, said: "This is a fantastic honour... It is also recognition for what the editor, Eve Hewlett, has brought to the programme. He also thanked BBC press officers for shielding him from "tricky" media attention. Jeremy Paxman, the acerbic presenter of Newsnight, won the Richard Dimbleby award for the year's most important personal contribution to factual television.

Best Screenplay (adapted): Transporters (John Hodge). Best Supporting Actress: Kate Winslet (Sense and Sensibility). Best Supporting Actor: Tim Roth (Rom Roy). Best Film Not in the English Language: Il Postino. Television Awards. Best Factual Series: The Death of Yugoslavia (BBC2). Best Light Entertainment: The Mrs Merton Show (BBC1). Best Comedy: Father Ted (Channel 4). Best Actor: Robbie Coltrane (Cracker). Best Light Entertainment Performance: Rory Bremner (Rory Bremner - Who Dares Wins). Best Comedy Performance: Martin Clunes (Man About the House). Best News Coverage: Channel 4 coverage of war crimes in former Yugoslavia. Best Screenplay (original): The Usual Suspects (Christopher McQuarrie).

# War? What war? asks Yeltsin

**D**AVID HEARST in Moscow. IN DOUBLESPRINK worthy of his Soviet predecessors, President Boris Yeltsin declared yesterday that there had been no Russian military operations in Chechnya for three weeks, and that the situation there was "not hot". As international news agency quoted a Russian commander reporting clashes in five Chechen villages, Mr Yeltsin said baldly: "No military operations have been carried out since March 31" referring to the date of his peace plan, although some rebel bands were "still running around". President Clinton, asked why Moscow was not being pressed harder by the West on the suffering endured by Chechnya's civilian population, replied by reminding Mr Yeltsin's line that the region is part of Russia — but said that Moscow should seek a peaceful settlement.

"The US has taken the position that Chechnya is a part of Russia." Mr Clinton told a news conference after almost five hours of talks with the Russian president. "But in the end a free country has to have free association, so there has to be something beyond fighting. There has to be a diplomatic solution." Since Mr Yeltsin tried to implement his ceasefire, scores of Chechen villages have been bombed and surrounded by Russian forces, and more than 120 federal troops have died in fighting. The two presidents met after the nuclear summit of leaders of the group of seven main industrial countries and Russia decided on a largely pre-prepared package of proposals on nuclear co-operation and strategic and joint measures against nuclear theft. Both men attempted to laugh off the abiding impression of the weekend's events

— that the whole international show had been arranged to show support for Mr Yeltsin in the forthcoming presidential election. Mr Clinton avoided open endorsement of Mr Yeltsin, but referring to the communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, said: "I don't think we should be under any illusions that people run for office on platforms that they intend to implement, and therefore all elections involve choices and have consequences." The relationship between Washington and Moscow would be defined by the poll, he said. Praising the Yeltsin government's economic reforms, he said they were bearing fruit after very difficult years. "Real progress is being made." The two presidents revealed progress on two technical arms control issues which had been complicating their relationship. Mr Yeltsin said the US was in favour of Russia readjusting its quotas

of troops, tanks and armoured personnel carriers allowed in border regions under the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty. Progress has also been made on an American demand to define missile systems which are not covered by the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and strategic rockets which are. No substantial progress was made on Nato's eastwards expansion. Mr Clinton reiterated that accepting former Soviet bloc states as members did not represent a threat to Russia. Mr Yeltsin, however, said Mr Clinton had pledged to use his influence to ensure expansion was not speeded up. He said: "I think a two-way agreement might be worked out. In our view, it might include a provision that no country may be accepted [for Nato membership] without Russia's agreement."

# Polls give edge to Italy's centre-left

**J**OHAN HOOPER in Rome. POLLSTERS last night showed the centre-left Olive Tree alliance heading for victory in yesterday's Italian general election. An "intention poll" based mainly on data gathered in the week before the vote put the Olive Tree and its Communist allies five percentage points ahead. But an exit poll gave the centre-left an edge of only two points over Silvio Berlusconi's conservative Freedom Alliance. Such a result would probably produce a deadlocked parliament, with the balance between right and left held by Umberto Bossi's maverick Northern League. However, the intention poll did not take into account the peculiarities of Italy's electoral system, in which three-quarters of the seats in both houses are decided on a first-past-the-post basis: it was based on some 20,000 interviews, of which a quarter were carried out yesterday. The Olive Tree, led by a University of Bologna professor of economics, Romano Prodi, is dominated by the formerly Communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS);

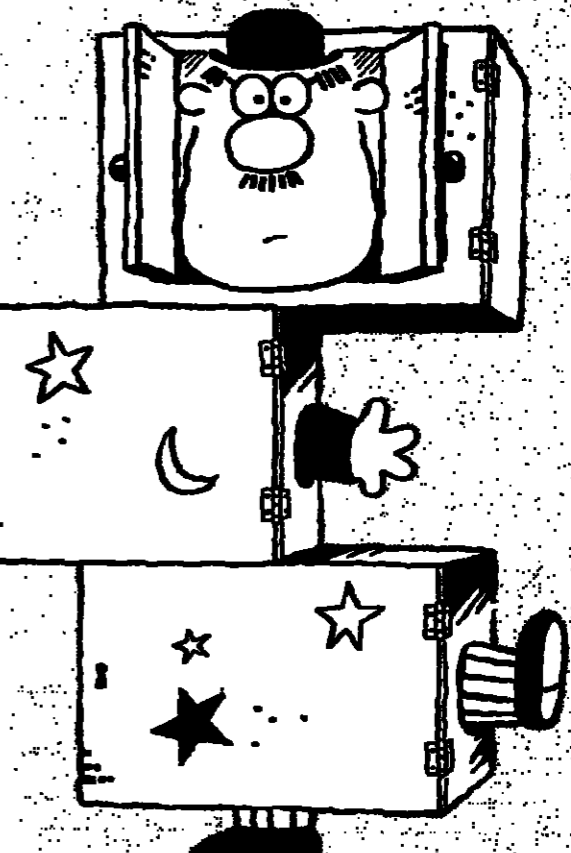
but it includes substantial numbers of centrists, most of whom, like Professor Prodi, once belonged to the all-powerful Christian Democrat party. The Olive Tree also takes in Italy's Greens. Last night's predictions assumed that the Olive Tree could count on the parliamentary support of Communist Refoundation, a hard-line party formed after the Italian Communist Party abandoned Marxism and became the PDS. Despite electoral reform and three general elections since 1987, Italian politics is still characterised by short-lived governments and a

plethora of parties. Yesterday's vote was prompted by the collapse of a non-party government led by a former central-banker, Lamberto Dini. He took over after seven months of tumult during which the country was led by Mr Berlusconi. The television magnate won the 1994 election but lost power when he was deserted by Mr Bossi and most of the League's deputies. For Mr Berlusconi, the election was unfortunately timed: he is on trial for corruption in connection with bribes made by associates of his business empire.

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# Ministers urge pay rise for MPs

Michael White  
Political Editor

**S**ENIOR ministers are pressing for a deal to raise MPs' pay and pensions before the summer recess, as a way of retaining the loyalty of a key block of Tory backbenchers and ensuring the Government's survival into 1997.

Although weekend reports are premature in suggesting that the body reviewing the issue has decided in favour of a 30 per cent rise in basic pay — taking MPs from £34,850 to around £45,000 — there is little doubt that public opinion is being softened up for a significant "catch-up" increase.

Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, is the central player in balancing John Major's desire not to anger voters — at a time when many pay settlements are in the 2-4 per cent range — with the need to placate MPs who feel they have not shared the general rise in prosperity.

Some senior MPs argue that while average pay has risen by 80 per cent in real terms in 30 years, their pay has stayed static, although allowances and pensions, virtually nil before Harold Wilson took office in 1964, are much more generous.

The key to Mr Newton's calculation, some insiders said last night, was that more than 50 Tory MPs due to stand down at the next election know their pensions will be based on final salary. They want the matter sorted out soon, probably in early July, in case the Government suddenly collapses.

That would also suit Labour, since Tony Blair could more easily go along with the proposed consensus before an election than be faced with pressure to raise salaries soon after a Labour

cabinet took office. Cabinet ministers' pay, currently £70,000-£80,000, would also rise sharply, though not to the £250,000 needed to restore them to equivalent rates in Victorian times.

Yesterday MPs on both sides said they expected the senior salaries review body (SSRB) to recommend less than £45,000 for backbenchers — possibly a 20 per cent rise to £40,000 — although office allowances and pension rights would also be enhanced.

In a sub-plot, the former prime minister Sir Edward Heath renewed calls for a hefty increase — to £100,000 a year — to be justified by halving the 651 elected members. After the next election there will be 650, some 40 more than when Sir Edward, aged 79, first won Bezier in 1950.

The US, with 250 million people, had only 436 congressmen, he said on GMTV. "MPs ought to be paid three times as much; they ought to be given at least three times the staff to deal with their constituents' problems. Then we might get the right people into Parliament."

Sir Edward's thesis has a sub-text: he is disparaging of the quality of many younger MPs, especially his Thatcherite critics. But most MPs are agreed that the level of constituency casework is much higher than a generation ago.

The SSRB undertook to review Westminster pay levels at the Government's best levels after 302 backbenchers signed an all-party motion instigated by distinguished senior colleagues, notably Sir Terence Higgins, Tory MP for Worthing, Alf Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe, and the former Liberal leader Sir David Steel.

The motion did not seek "double pay", as reported by some tabloids at the time, though some Tory backbenchers have hinted as much in private. They argued that middle-ranking executives in industry had seen their pay rise dramatically in recent years, making Parliament much less attractive as a career.

The squeeze on outside earnings since Lord Nolan's report on standards in public life will intensify those feelings.

Labour MPs, less concerned about high salaries and less likely to have given them up to enter the Commons, want better allowances for their Westminster and constituency staff.

## Muslims gather for emotional tribute to leader who backed fatwa on Salman Rushdie



A mourner at the memorial service yesterday of Kalim Siddiqui. Yusuf Islam, the former Cat Stevens (top right) paid tribute



### HUNDREDS of Muslims

gathered yesterday in an emotional open-air tribute to Britain's prominent hardline Muslim leader Kalim Siddiqui.

He was described by guest speakers, including Yusuf Islam, the former pop star Cat Stevens, as "the leading Muslim of his generation" during passionate speeches at the two-hour service.

The founder of the Muslim Parliament in Great Britain died last week from a heart attack. He had had bypass surgery last June. He achieved fame when he backed the Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa [death sentence] on Salman Rushdie and demanded Britain chop off the hands of thieves.

## Ex-chief constable rounds on Howard

David Pallister

**A** FORMER chief constable has accused the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, of turning Britain into a police state with MI5 becoming an East German-style Stasi force "where half the population finishes up spying on the other half".

John Alderson, chief constable of Devon and Cornwall from 1973 to 1982, accuses Mr Howard of using the language of dictators like Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco: "Give me your liberties and I will protect you."

He also charges the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, with moral cowardice in endorsing discredited Victorian values and being fearful of breaking the consensus on crime and punishment.

Mr Alderson, a Liberal parliamentary candidate in 1983, makes his allegations in the May issue of the socialist magazine, Red Pepper. "Politicians at the moment seem locked in a vicious spiral of building more prisons and incarcerating people who will later come out and commit more crime," he says.

The majority of policemen "much prefer to be part of a reactionary force, riding around in cars, sweeping down on of-



John Alderson: 'Vicious spiral of building more jails'

enders and visiting victims." Mr Alderson has for 15 years been an adviser on law and order to the Council of Europe, which manages the European Court of Human Rights.

His most sinister predictions concern the security service, MI5. He describes its new role in combating organised crime as "one of the most worrying developments of modern times". "It is fatal to let the secret service into the area of ordinary crime," he says, because of its unaccountability. "They infiltrate organisa-

tions, people's jobs and lives. They operate almost like a cancer, infiltrating and destroying trust and security between people... At the moment the acorn of a Stasi [the former East German secret police] has been planted but it is there for future governments to build on."

Mr Alderson says politicians see criminal justice as a way to deal with social problems. "This approach has resulted in a dangerous rather effect whereby the control of crime is constantly being equated with the diminution of liberty."

He places the blame on the "poison" of policing the Northern Ireland troubles and the 1984/85 miners' strike.

"No government in my lifetime has ever given liberty back," he says. "It is not in the nature of governments to grant liberty — they are all about power... The present party political system is incapable of dealing with the challenges of society."

He sees hope in the moral stand taken by anti-road and animal welfare groups, and particularly the women involved in them. "These protest movements are largely led and moved by women, and potentially such moral movements can overtake party politics."

## Empire of crime boss 'protected by ambitious officers he fed with tip-offs'

Erland Closson

**S**TRATHCLYDE police are investigating the possibility that up to a dozen officers have been protecting Glasgow's top criminals in return for career-enhancing tips on underworld affairs.

The source is said to be a former aide to the "Mr Big" who has decided to reveal undisclosed reasons to reveal the extent of the mutually beneficial arrangement. So far Thomas Bagan's only reward has been an attempted assassination on April 1 in Shotts prison, where he is serving 12 years for armed robbery.

The Strathclyde force, the second biggest in the UK, was being cog yesterday about the claim that two of its senior detectives have spent much of the past year amassing a tape-recorded archive of Bagan's embarrassing allegations.

A spokeswoman merely confirmed that an investigation was under way into "a number of serious crimes" committed in the area over the past few years.

According to weekend reports, "Mr Big" has for years exploited the ambitions streaks of certain Strathclyde officers in order to ensure that a business empire which extends from brothels to drugs remains undisturbed.

The man, said to be the leader of Glasgow underworld's notorious Barlanark Team, has allegedly exchanged information on small-scale crimes for an understanding that his own operations will not be harassed.

Collaborators, uneasy at this method of impressing superiors, are apparently restrained from terminating the arrangement by the documentary evidence of their corruption that "Mr Big" has carefully collected.

They may also have been frightened of crossing him: Bagan has reportedly linked his former colleague to the unsolved double murder of two Glasgow gangsters in 1991 — believed to be one of the "serious crimes" Strathclyde police is now re-examining.

### MPs' salaries

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US.....	92,750
Italy.....	76,250
France.....	54,900
Holland.....	52,550
Japan.....	49,400
Germany.....	49,250
Hong Kong.....	48,950
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'Feminist zealots thrive on grievances and use minorities as raw material for their whinge factories'

# Maverick solicitors' leader lays down law to women on sex discrimination

Clare Dyer  
Legal Correspondent

**T**HE MAVERICK president of the Law Society confirmed his reputation as "the deepest of reactionaries" when he tried to convince an audience of 300 women barristers and solicitors that zealots had made men the victims of discrimination.

Mr Mears, who trounced the society's official candidate last July, denied at a conference called Changing the Culture that women suffered any disadvantages in the legal profession. The conference, at the Law Society in London on Saturday, was the second in a series designed to identify and rectify problems facing women.



Martin Mears has 'bitter and dangerous enemies' in the industry' at the society's annual conference last October. In nearly all the circles in which he moved, 'feminism is the orthodoxy, and it is a bold heretic who challenges any of its doctrines'.

## Job shares

All practising solicitors	
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Practising solicitors under 30	
Men	48%
Women	52%
Barristers called to the Bar in 1975	
Men	89%
Women	11%
Barristers called to the Bar in 1995	
Men	56%
Women	44%
QCs	
Men	94.2%
Women	5.8%

ing, such as the "scandal" of the 14-year-old girl who won a tribunal case against a news-agent who refused her a paper delivery job because it was too dangerous for a girl.

He wanted to confirm his reactionary reputation by saying that male warders had no place in a female prison or female warders in a male prison. And the "taboo" against female combat soldiers, which the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, was said to be thinking of abolishing, should be reinforced.

# China firm in row with palace

David Hencke  
Westminster Correspondent

**P**ROBLEMS over the ordering of royal china to go on sale to commemorate the opening to the public of Buckingham Palace have made a mug out of one Britain's smallest and finest bone china manufacturers.



Brenda Graves with some of the china her company made for Buckingham Palace's souvenir shop

ration of Windsor Castle after the fire in 1992. The Queen's collection of china is valued at £20 million, while a stock of £20,000 worth of commemorative china has been left in store in Stoke-on-Trent pending a settlement of a two-year argument. Even the arch-critic of royal waste, the public accounts select committee, Alan Williams, MP for Swansea, West, is trying to help resolve the row.

press reception. Desperate Royal Collection officials, faced with opening an empty souvenir shop, rang Mrs Graves for emergency orders. After an order for between £500,000 and £700,000 of stock she had to engage 15 more staff and start seven-day working. To do this she took out a second mortgage.

times during the opening to daily restocking. The total additional cost, mainly labour, came to £138,000. Mrs Graves said: "The Royal Collection seemed to have no idea that fine bone china has to be individually hand cast. It is not a question of increasing a production line like making Mars bars."

Buckingham Palace also asked her to hold back some 20,000 items which were not required in the last week because bad weather cut sales. The next year, after opening negotiations for 173,000 mugs, pill boxes, cup and saucers, Buckingham Palace switched the order to Royal Crafton, one of her main subcontractors, to save £20,000.

ector of finance of the Royal Household, said: "Royal Collection Enterprises Ltd has no contractual or legal obligation to Sevarg. "Mrs Graves's position is certainly very distressing and I was very sorry to hear about her company's plight. However, I am required to consider the facts and I am afraid they do not provide any basis for a claim."

# Leaks to media force Queen to cancel birthday meal at restaurant and settle for quiet evening at Windsor

Owen Bowcott

**T**HE Queen was forced to celebrate her 70th birthday last night in even greater privacy than intended after news of the family's outing to a restaurant leaked to the press. Prince Edward, had reserved a table at the evening was hastily rearranged at Windsor Castle.

Neither Prince Andrew, nor the Princess Royal, were present. Nor were the estranged Princess of Wales or the divorcing Duchess of York who are understood not to have been invited.

Ten years ago, the Queen's birthday was marked by a musical gala at the Royal Opera House, London, and 6,000 children, clutched daffodils, singing outside Buckingham Palace. Yesterday's public tributes were, by contrast, low-key. Around 1,000 well-wishers gathered to see her

attend church at Sandringham on her Norfolk estate and greet her as she went for a walk about the grounds. The tone reflected, perhaps, both the royal family's internal troubles and the nation's least certain attitudes towards the monarchy. If the omens in the Sunday morning papers

were anything to go by, it should have been a thoroughly miserable day. There was speculation that the royal family's coffers are down to their last £50 million while the bills for the royal divorces and restoration of Windsor Castle after the fire continue to escalate.

Police drop 'race' lecturer  
CHRIS Brand, the Edinburgh university psychology lecturer who claims that black people are less intelligent than whites, is to be dropped as a consultant psychologist by Lothian and Borders police, its deputy chief constable Graham Power said. Dr Brand whose book on intelligence was withdrawn by the publishers last week, will not be retained after he completes a contract to develop a psychometric test for chief inspectors seeking promotion.

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# Yeltsin's chance to rattle the West

The Russian president goes to China later this week, eager to make friends. However he fears a proverbial prick. In this article, **David Hearst** previews the visit

**T**HEY used to be called "hegemonists". But that was in the days when Americans were "imperialists" and Israelis "expansionists". Today the Chinese are variously regarded as a "demographic threat" to Russians living along the exposed 2,000 mile common border, a potentially huge trading partner, and a strategic counter-weight to the West.

"You want it, but it pricks" goes an old Russian proverb about the desire to grasp something that could hurt you. China could well provide a lucrative market for Russia's high-technology arms sales, replacing those it has lost in central and eastern Europe.

But how far should a militarily weakened Russia go to help a more powerful neighbour re-arm? History urges caution. The

so-called "border clashes" of the late 1960s were in fact fierce fights between Russia and Chinese border guards. One occurred on Damanski Island in the river Ussuri. An advance party of Chinese "invaded" the island, opening fire on a group of border guards who had come to question them.

The Russians replied with a grad missile attack which wiped out all the Chinese on the island.

The scars of this dispute are still visible. The Primoria region voted in 1993 for the extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, and last December for the communist Genady Zyuganov.

Russian land is measured in inches when it comes to the hearts and minds of nationalists, who have seen Primoria flooded with Chinese traders and ask when the other 120 million residents who live Manchuria are going

to come across.

Mr Yeltsin, who flies to Beijing this week, is only a month and a half away from a presidential election.

He wants to be up a border deal, but wiser counsel at home demands that he hedge the issue. Confronted with reports that Mr Yeltsin intended to hand over 3,700

marines, and the C-300 solid fuel anti-aircraft missile. Russia supported Beijing's position on Taiwan recently, which was "highly appreciated" in the Chinese capital.

Mr Yeltsin wants to sell gas and oil to China. An agreement foresees the building of oil and gas pipelines running from Krasnoyarsk and Irkutsk

in eastern Siberia through China to countries of the Pacific Basin. But again he faces domestic problems. Both Russian regions are strongly anti-Yeltsin.

Even before the death of Mr Yeltsin's first radical democrat government, the Chinese way to market reform was trumpeted as an alternative. Arkady Volokh, a centrist politician, was its key proponent. Now that Mr Yeltsin's government has changed, the jargon has too. Mr Yeltsin's call for a "socially oriented market economy" echoes China's goal of a "socialist market economy".

In Russia's case, this will almost certainly mean an increase in protectionist measures, which might revive the idea of free economic zones. Russia and China have mooted a "Blagoveshensk-Hai He" zone.

But above all these tactical goals towards a larger strategic one not just for Mr Yeltsin but for any future president of Russia.

He may set off with the good wishes of the G7 countries after this weekend's nuclear summit in Moscow, but when the Russian president arrives in Beijing, he will not be the messenger boy of the West. He will be sending a

message to the West.

With Russia's western border threatened by the expansion of Nato, and its southern borders in the Caucasus and Central Asia aflame in two wars, it is important for Russia to have one flank which is pacified.

A Sino-Russian rapprochement would be the clearest signal Russia could offer the West that it has a choice. Russia remains a Euro-Asian power. It can trade with the East as well as the West many would say the markets in the East are potentially richer.

The Russian president's trip is an important foreign policy marker, no less significant than the replacement of the pro-Western Andrei Kozyrev as foreign minister, with the former Soviet hard-man Yevgeny Primakov. The pendulum of Russian foreign policy is swinging eastwards once again.

## Russia can trade with East and West. Eastern markets may even prove richer

## Catalans gain wide powers

**Adela Gooch in Madrid**

**S**PAIN'S centre-right Popular Party is close to forming a government with the backing of Catalan nationalists, after agreeing to grant sweeping powers not just to Catalonia but to all the regions.

"We are in touching distance of an accord," the PP's chief negotiator, Rodrigo Rato, said yesterday after a meeting between the PP leader, José María Aznar, and the Catalan regional president, Jordi Pujol.

The Catalans were eager. Mr Pujol said progress had been made but there were still points to be settled. "We must press on and see if we can reach agreement. It is possible we may not."

But after seven weeks of horse-trading, few give any credence to Mr Pujol's frequent threat to withhold support and provoke fresh elections.

The PP and Mr Pujol's nationalist coalition share common ground on economic policy and social issues. The stumbling block was devolution, on which Mr Aznar has given way, abandoning an election pledge to halt regionalisation. There is now little doubt that he will be confirmed as prime minister in an investiture vote before the formal opening of parliament on May 6.

The process has been convoluted because Mr Aznar ran an election campaign showing scant regard for Catalan sensitivities after opinion polls convinced him he was likely to obtain a full majority.

The election result — a 1 per cent PP advantage over the Socialists, 29 seats short of a majority in the 350-seat parliament — left Mr Aznar with no alternative but to win over the Catalans, whose 16 seats gave them the balance of power.

He will also have the support of four Canary Island nationalist MPs, close to the PP in ideology and background.

The PP, eager to take office, has watched in silence as Mr Aznar carried out a sharp U-turn, professing admiration for Catalan culture and traditions while negotiating concessions on tax control over the police and prisons, and transport and trade policy.

Ostensibly, the negotiations also required Mr Pujol to make a U-turn by switching allegiance in the run-up to the election from Felipe González, the Socialist whom he kept in power for three years.

In fact Mr Pujol rehashes the role of kingmaker and the opportunity it provides for him to exact concessions, but some of his supporters remain unconvinced.

The negotiations have been complicated because any concessions given to Catalonia will also certainly have to be applied to other regions too. Thus the party which had promised to stop devolution will in fact be extending it.

The concessions offered include doubling to 30 per cent the share of income tax revenue administered directly by the regions.

In the past few days there have been mutterings from other political forces that the concessions amount to an unbridled sweeping reform of the Spanish state.

## Abbé defends philosopher accused of anti-Semitism

**Paul Webster in Paris**

**F**RANCE'S most popular personality, Abbé Pierre, has publicly backed the philosopher Roger Garaudy, aged 83, who will be tried on Thursday for questioning official versions of the Holocaust.

Mr Garaudy faces a prison sentence for his latest book, 'The Founding Myth of Israel', published by a firm that specialises in anti-Jewish views of Hitler's crimes.

The movement against racism, MRAP, started the prosecution after a month ago and seen a plaque commemorating 4 million dead. This had since been changed to 1 million.

"When people talk of Abbé Pierre's error in supporting me, I think it's extraordinary," Mr Garaudy said. "Shouldn't we be talking about the error of Shimon Peres instead? We haven't fired on ambulances, or killed 90 people."

Mr Garaudy will be defended in court by Jacques Vergès, whose clients have included the SS chief in Lyons, Klaus Barbie, and his French equivalent, Paul Touvier.



A man repairs his house in a once front-line suburb. Now the windows will be smaller and will not face the mountains. PHOTOGRAPH: DANIL KRISTANOVIC

## Sarajevo builds on hopes for peace

The war took its toll on the Bosnian capital but has given its residents the opportunity to rebuild their city. **Julian Borger** reports on a far-reaching architectural debate

**W**HILE the broken glass and rubble are being cleared from Sarajevo's streets, architects are in the hope of recapturing some of its pre-war charm and taking advantage of its disrepair to do away with the concrete legacy of socialism.

Despite widespread doubts about how long the peace will last, there is increasing pressure to return from the front. The streets and cafes are full of demobilised fighters looking for jobs and homes.

Meanwhile, foreign donors are flying in with proposals for cheap building estates and the sort of grandiose projects which were

once the hallmark of former Yugoslavia's communist rulers.

"Sometimes money doesn't bring beauty and heritage. Sometimes money brings bad architects," said Jamakovic, head of urban planning in the city council, said.

Aida Mandic-Kaluzovic's architectural firm is under pressure from Spanish donors to help design a new Olympic-size sports centre in one of the western suburbs. "We are trying to fight them and argue that it is better to rebuild flats and a medical centre first," she said.

Mrs Mandic-Kaluzovic and a group of her colleagues meet every Friday to discuss Sarajevo's architectural future. It is the continuation of a debate

that lasted throughout the war. They called it the art of "warditecture".

Now the architects' association is preparing for the first international workshop on "post-war architecture" in Munich next month.

Some of the city's problems are urgent. For example, almost all Sarajevo's houses were chopped down for firewood. On the northern hills, deforestation, along with the lack of drains, threatens to cause a mudslide which could destroy thousands of shacks and houses built without planning permission in the last years of communism.

The city council is carrying out an emergency tree-planting programme to strengthen Sarajevo's northern flank.

But there is also a far-reaching debate on how the city might break free of the twin legacies of war and dictatorship, many in the architects' association believe the city should draw lessons from its pre-socialist past. They say the war

## Tribunal may have to turn to charities

**Roy Gutman in Washington**

**S**TYMIED by Nato's refusal to take an active role in the search for war criminals in Bosnia, the Clinton administration has begun canvassing foreign charities to take on work refused by the military.

The plan, which seems bizarre in the light of the deployment of 80,000 Nato troops, of whom 20,000 are American, is for a charity to clear mines at mass graves.

The state department is also looking into hiring private firms to provide security

for investigators from the Hague War Crimes Tribunal, another job the military refuses to take on.

"We have been approached," said Svein Henrichsen of Norwegian People's Aid, a charity which conducts humanitarian mine-clearing in post-war zones and already planned to go to Bosnia. But it would be a month or two before the group was operational, and it would have to prioritise work.

The stand-off between Nato and the tribunal will delay investigators, especially if the cash-strapped tribunal must pay for its own security.

The tribunal wants Nato to help with investigations and arrest indicted war criminals. Nato says its mission is to separate the sides and everything else is secondary.

The Clinton administration is split over how to respond. The state department wants Nato to do more, starting by detaining the Bosnian Serb president, Radovan Karadzic, and General Ratko Mladic, both indicted for genocide and crimes against humanity.

But Pentagon officials say their arrests would lead to recriminations, creating risks for Nato troops.

A state department official

said security at the grave sites was precarious and there was a significant danger of tampering.

"We're not going to be getting into the business of guarding mass grave sites," Major Jerry Remo, a Nato spokesman in Sarajevo, told Newsday this month. "We will do other things, such as aerial surveillance. We simply don't have the manpower to guard these grave sites."

But according to the tribunal's acting director, Susannah Sirkin, inadequate security at the grave sites would make forensic investigations impossible. "We do not see

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News in brief

Nigeria detains 'subversive' sultan

NIGERIA announced a new sultan of Sokoto, Muhammed Maccido, yesterday after General Sani Abacha's military government sacked and detained his predecessor, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki.

Diplomats linked to child sex

AUSTRALIA has launched an independent investigation into accusations that Australian diplomats in Asia have used aid money to buy access to orphans for child sex.

China broadcasts US beating

AS A United Nations panel prepares to vote on a resolution condemning Chinese human rights abuses tomorrow, Beijing has stepped up a sweeping media counter-attack against the United States, focusing on the videotaped beating of Mexican illegal immigrants by sheriff's deputies in California.

Thai mother killed in ritual

AN EXORCIST beat a mother of two to death after she refused to pay a bill for ritualistic beatings, Thailand's Nation newspaper reported yesterday.

Burundi villagers slaughtered

ARMED gunmen killed 20 villagers, many of them women and children, and set several homes on fire in southern Burundi, the country's radio news agency said yesterday.

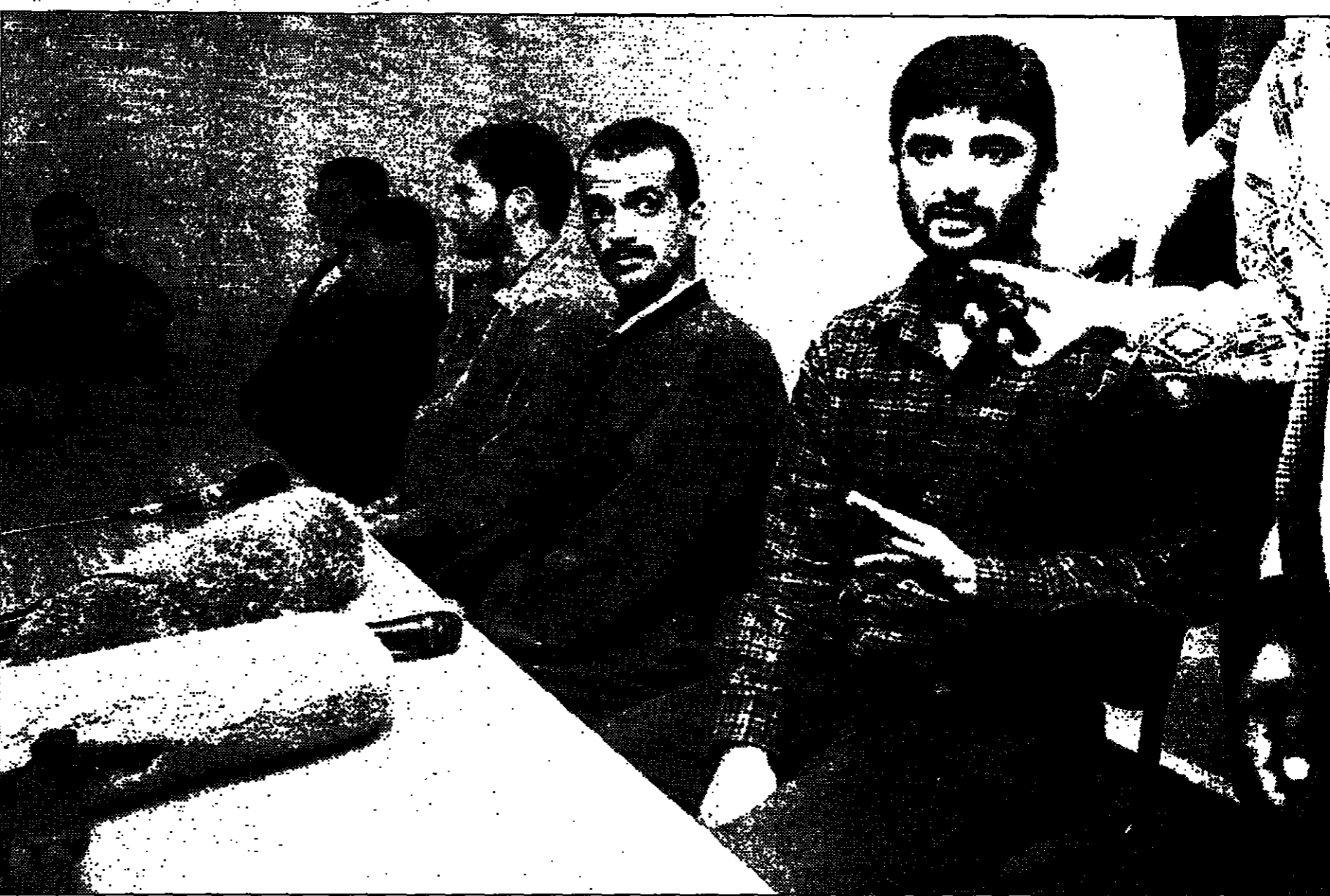


PEACEKEEPERS took control of central Monrovia yesterday as a cease-fire agreement came into effect in the Liberian capital after two weeks of fighting between rival militias.

Sri Lanka pounds Tigers

SRI LANKAN forces pounded Tamil Tiger guerrillas from the air, land and sea as thousands of troops pushed deeper into the rebel Jaffna peninsula stronghold in the north, the army said yesterday.

Police uncover Hamas 'plot to kill Arafat' • Syria watches failure of military might



SIX members of the Islamic militant group Hamas, arrested by Palestinian police who suspected them of plotting to assassinate Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, talk to reporters (above) at a press conference in Gaza City yesterday.

head of Palestinian intelligence in southern Gaza, said. "Two explosive parcels and two mines were prepared," he said at the press conference where he presented six of the seven Hamas members arrested in connection with the plot.

Qishawi, a Jordan-based Hamas activist, to kill Mr. Arafat. Motez said his colleagues debated the idea and eventually rejected it and turned themselves in. — AP.

Diplomatic efforts show some hope in Lebanon

For his part, Mr. Christopher did not acknowledge that Iran had a part to play in Lebanon. He said President Hafez al-Assad of Syria wanted a "reaffirmation" of the US-brokered understandings that ended the last big flare-up in July 1993.

Shelkh Hassan Nasrallah, secretary-general of Hizbullah, said in Damascus that the 1993 understandings had to be reinforced. He said Hizbullah would stop firing rockets into northern Israel if there were stricter rules against Israeli attacks on civilians in Lebanon.

Tables turning against Israel

Tel Aviv's offensive has failed on three fronts, David Hirst in Beirut writes. With its continuing salvos, Hizbullah is quenching a thirst for revenge among the campaign's main victims, the Shi'ites.

Desperate relatives scour hospitals

Melchole Goldberg in Sidon. AHMED DIB'S 6-year-old son had his leg amputated and surgery performed on his stomach on Friday, but Mr Dib could not be with him.

formation, offering pictures and descriptions of missing relatives. The task is complicated by the fact that the authorities are unable to identify many of the bodies and patients in the hospitals, and they are being distinguished only by numbers.

Child care report backs working mums

Half the American women with children aged under one year now work outside the home. Presenting their findings to a conference on infant studies in Rhode Island at the weekend, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development declared that there was no inherent link between maternal attachment and day care.

to the heart of an enduringly bitter debate. Conservatives have argued that the children of working mothers feel alienated from them and develop behavioural problems later. Feminists have dismissed such claims as attempts to prevent the advance of women in the workplace.

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'He thinks he's immortal. He isn't thinking about succession any more than Charles de Gaulle or Winston Churchill did.' Rupert Murdoch Media G2 page 8

for peace charities

Howard's way cuts prison TV

But hardly the way to curb riots

THE SUN will be ecstatic. The hardline, no-nonsense Michael Howard is withdrawing television sets from prison cells. Good old Howard. British criminals have had it too soft for too long.

Even the Sun might be concerned by other cuts: a 2,800 reduction in officers, roof and cell strengthening at 14 prisons being dropped, a 40 per cent reduction in simple security schemes.

Five years on from the Woolf Report, prison reform has turned full circle. Then prisons seemed on the brink of a breakthrough. The report into the 1990 riots produced in the words of the then Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, "a blueprint for a humane and riot-free prison system".

Papering the holes

Nuclear problems must be cured at root

HAVE WE stepped back from the nuclear precipice? The summit talks in Moscow barely grappled with the real issues in spite of Bill Clinton's complacent claim.

Russian critics have a point: this is not solely a former Soviet Union problem. The US has its own concerns about the task of "maintaining high confidence in an ageing stockpile".

A comprehensive test-ban treaty (CTBT) to which Russia formally assented in Moscow, is a step forward. Yet this has been left on the agenda for so long that it may now be frustrated by India and other nuclear-threshold countries.

For the farmer or child who stumbles across one of the millions of landmines sown by recent wars, the little bang is just as devastating as the big one. The Geneva talks on the UN Inhumane Weapons Convention starting today must also decide whether to tinker with the problem or tackle the root cause.

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Letters to the Editor

New law, new man, new town

AS A sufferer of Friedrich's Ataxia, a crippling disease to the nervous system, I have experienced the positive medicinal effects of cannabis over 10 years.

The positive effects of cannabis use by neurological patients have long been recognised, yet the Government refuses to act. Cannabis should be made available to all adults suffering from neurological diseases.

POS Coward (Make the Feather figure, April 12) failed to say that, in the article of mine she quoted, I argued that fathers are far from redundant, and what they are for is roughly the same purpose as any good-enough mother.

MY friends and I were incensed by your patronising article (Strange going-on in West Sussex, April 12). Many of us came to Crawley with our well-known companies, which moved here in the 1950s to a beautifully designed industrial estate.

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Why I love London so

BEFORE we rush into something as alien to our political culture as a directly-elected mayor for London (Sites for sore eyes, April 18), it is worth pausing for a little reflection.

Secondly, there is evidence, particularly from the US, that directly-elected mayors have not lived up to the standards required by their office. Not so long ago, people such as Robert Moses in New York made their name campaigning for "good government" in the face of endemic corruption.

As a Londoner having waited a decade for my voice to be expressed through the ballot box, I am happy to support the party that puts before me the

most attractive programme for the capital. The idea that the sort of person being floated as a suitable candidate for mayor will somehow be above politics is naive and dangerous nonsense.

WHILE I applaud Norman Foster's call for a new vision for London, there is one possible answer to the problems he outlines which he, and other distinguished speakers (including Tony Blair) failed to mention during the Architecture Foundation's debate last week.

On current projections, an additional 1.6 million houses will be required in London and its environs over the next 10 to 20 years. Because we are rightly concerned at the levels of homelessness in the region, few have questioned the practicality, or the wisdom, of development on this scale.

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income of the small cocoa farmers, mostly in Africa, will fall still further. There is no evidence that consumers in Europe want this change. And there have been no guarantees from the multinational companies to pass on the cost-savings they make from using cheaper vegetable fats.

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A Labour cut that will benefit no one

LABOUR'S plan to exclude 16- to 18-year-olds from child benefit (Labour looks to swap school for dole, April 20) will be catastrophic for many low-income families just above the benefit level.

Do many people realise that child benefit has, in reality, already been abolished for people receiving state benefits as the amount is deducted in the living-allowance calculation?

IF we lost £80 a month in child benefit for our two sons we would no longer be able to feed and clothe them properly. Many teenagers already leave home because their parents cannot support them. It is terrible to think that our sons, when they are 16 and 18, might do the same. What

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A Country Diary

NORWICH: As I lie in bed at night I can hear them at it, and even daybreak seems to bring no loss of appetite, since the soft purring that often accompanies their love-making filters through the open window with the first light of dawn.

Road developments are one of several threats to Britain's amphibians, the most important being urban spread, water pollution and habitat deterioration in the wider countryside. Since 1900 it is estimated that 75 per cent of rural ponds have been lost.

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would happen to their training and equality of opportunity?

A COUPLE of weeks ago, it was suggested that those with incomes of £40,000 a year would not pay more tax under a Labour government, and could even get a cut. It is now suggested that those with incomes of, say, a quarter of that could lose their entitlement to child benefit for children still in full-time education over 16.

BOY talk SEAN French (Silence of the Sleds, April 17) too readily allows Childline statistics to prove that boys (and, by implication, men) cannot talk about their feelings. In five years as a Samaritan volunteer, I have never found that women had any special gift for self-expression.

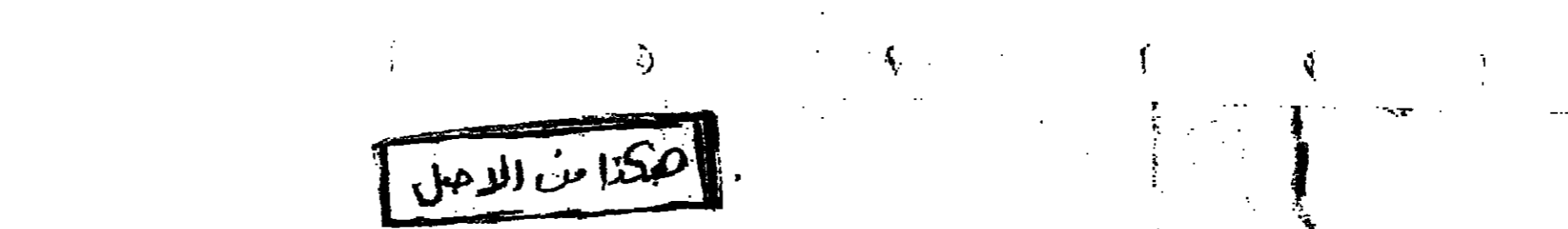
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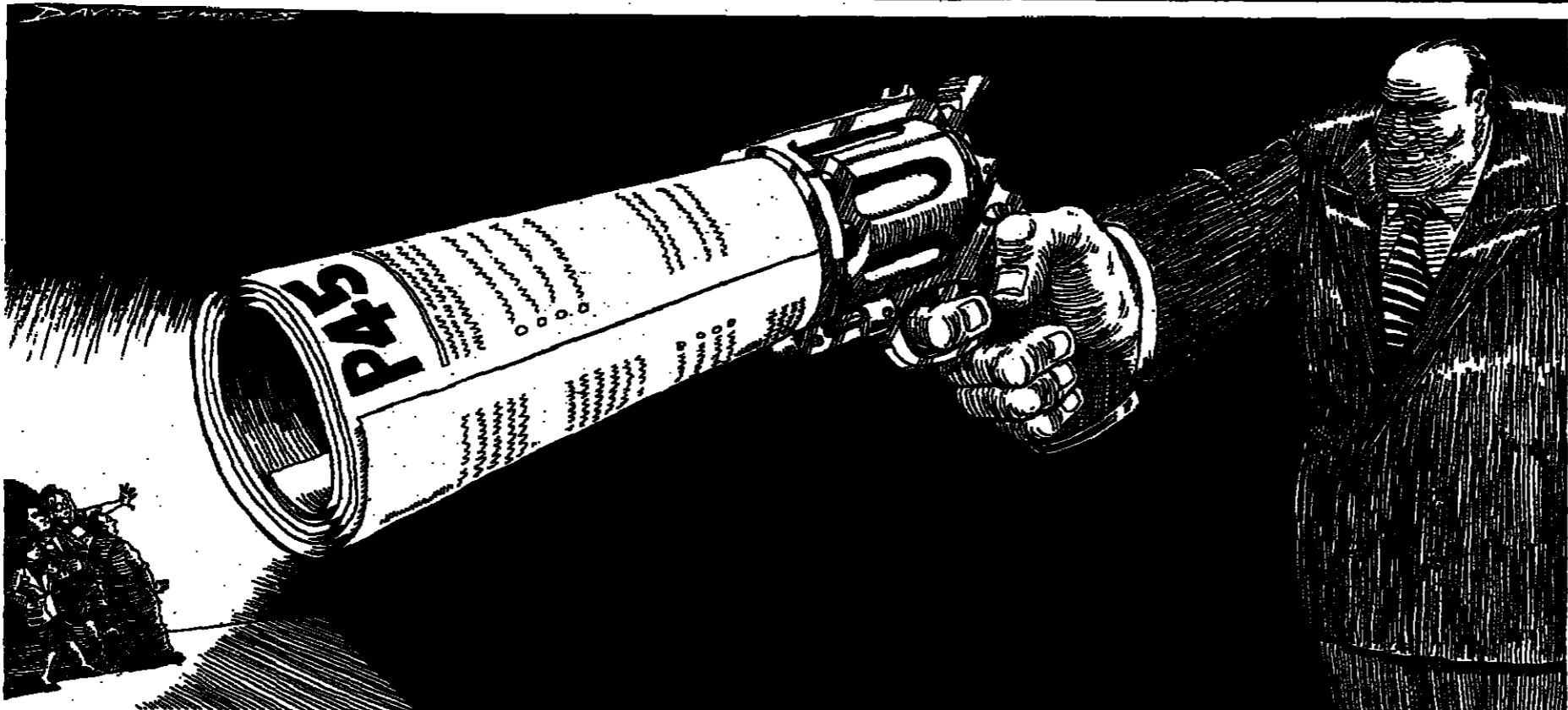
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Dealing with the dirty end of jobs for life



Larry Elliott

U-HUH, I know what you're thinking. Did he fire six thousand, or was it only five? Well, to tell you the truth, in all the excitement I kind of lost count myself. But being as this is a P45, the most powerful weapon in the world, and it could blow your job clean away, you have to ask yourself one question. Do I feel lucky? Well, do you, punk?

feelgood factor among the shoppers loading a hundred pounds' worth of groceries into the backs of the Volvos on Saturdays. This is the sort of thing Ministers like to hear. Because what they see as a nice little recovery is having no impact in the opinion polls, they are now trying to prove that job insecurity is more myth than reality.

individualism fostered over the past two decades. Let's face it: we didn't hear too much about job insecurity when it was steel workers and miners being sacked in the early 1980s. But now that BBC producers are on six-month contracts and middle managers are being shown the door, we are witnessing a real threat to the nation's wellbeing.

people who talk about it the whole time. It's become a sexy issue because we are now talking about middle-class job insecurity. For the Government, all this should be quite good news. With house prices and consumer spending rising, there should be a chance that the flexible middle classes will return to the fold before the election. But things aren't quite so simple.

thing else: rank exploitation. And while it may be true that the prime targets for this brand of macho management are the low-paid and the low-skilled, the message has percolated down to the middle classes. Twenty years ago, the archetypal job for life was that of a bank clerk: a bit dull, not well paid, but a job for life.

Labour Party and the Confederation of British Industry all agree this is vital — good enough reason, you might think, to be highly suspicious of the notion that it could be the panacea for all our ills. If we really want to tackle job insecurity, there has to be a shift of the pendulum back towards labour. First, power should be given back to trade unions and legislation enacted to improve the rights of workers, be they temporary, part-time or full-time.

Ministers would never admit it, but they think all this stuff about insecurity is a classic case of middle-class whingeing

the business cycle in the nineteenth century are testimony to how vulnerable workers were in an era that lacked even the most rudimentary welfare safety net.

massive shift in power from employee to employer. This has not only meant that workers have had their rights eroded, but also that much of the risk involved in a business has been shifted from capital to labour.

What has happened over the past 17 years is that labour's share of national product has fallen while capital's has risen. The instruments for this have been the crushing of trade unions, deliberately engineered unemployment, privatisation, contracting out and the inculcation of the business "ethic" into schools, hospitals and universities.

If the pensioners of today think it's tough...

The IMF is using a novel accounting system to scare us about the coming retirement bill. SARAH RYLE reports

IT IS small comfort for those people struggling to cope on a state pension, but the OAPs of future generations are unlikely to have it so good as those presently retired.

levels are maintained. But the current crop of pensioners are actually receiving \$100,000 or more in benefits than they paid in taxes.

Combined with the burgeoning budget deficits which the IMF also highlighted in the WEO, the pensions of the future could add up to a massive tax bill for the current 20 and 30-somethings.

Conditions affecting budgets themselves have changed markedly. The post-war baby boom boosted the labour force, supporting relatively few pensioners. But in industrial countries, elderly dependants are expected to double to between 35 and 50 per cent. Germany, Italy and Japan are forecast to experience the worst squeeze on resources from pensions.

Using this method, the IMF has found that several Group of Seven nations are running unsustainable fiscal policies. The so-called newborn and future generations in the United States, for example, will face net tax rates of 37 and 78 per cent of their earnings respectively.

In hard cash terms, the WEO says today's young workers in the US, Italy, Norway and Sweden will have to contribute \$138,000 and \$300,000 more in taxes over their lifetimes than they will receive in benefits, if existing benefit

C&G Investment Rates Effective from 22 April 1986. Table with columns for Amount Invested, Interest Paid, Gross, and Net. Includes a section for Accounts no longer available to new investors.

Death of inflation is greatly exaggerated

ANN ROBINSON disagrees with a new book which proclaims the defeat of the age-old stalker of western economies

INFLATION has been regarded by so many for so long as "public enemy No 1" that it is hard to believe that it may be dead. But that is just what Roger Bootle, chief economist of the HSBC Group, suggests in a new book, The Death of Inflation (Nicholas Brealey, £16.95).

Government and central banks have changed their procedures, too. Methods of accommodating inflation through indexation of public spending, wages and prices, so popular in the 1970s, are now discredited and largely abandoned.



Roger Bootle... pessimistic

where structural changes have advanced most, government still takes up or directly influences around half of GDP. Through regulation, the arm of government extends still further. Privatised utilities remain heavily regulated.

Prices have been falling. But the market is not homogeneous. In fact, prices are strong and even rising for quality housing in short supply in key areas. It is the oversupplied lower end of the market where prices remain weak.

The most alarming — and perhaps the most interesting part of Mr Bootle's thesis — is the scenario of disinflation. The evidence is mixed here too. Disinflation can be benign. In the past, prices have fallen for long periods coincident with strong growth. But the past is no guide to the future.

Highgate crosspatch solves baffling case of capital crisis

Worm's eye Dan Atkinson

CAPITAL was something Sherlock Holmes and his quack friends were always saying, or rather, ejaculating. Now, of course, it is a benign substance, a sort of economic penicillin: capital, or "investment" as it is known to his friends, is simply capital.

too, could be handled by market incentives. But it hasn't quite worked out that way. In place of the glider, the western economies resemble collectively one of those faulty supersonic jets in Thunderbirds that were forever being plucked from doom by International Rescue.

Look at it this way: the 1989 "triumph of capitalism" promised a serene, upward glide to prosperity for everyone. The only growth the lefties could come up with was some guff about the environment, and that,

Tourist rates — bank sells

Table with columns for Country, Rate, and other financial indicators.

Indicators

Table listing various economic indicators such as Money supply, Building Societies, and Gross Domestic Product.

Cricket
Lloyd firm on Botham

Paul Weaver at Chelmsford
RAYMOND Illingworth and David Lloyd, such caricatures of the Yorkshire style and the Lancashire style...



NORIFUMI Abe outside the stadium at Suzuka yesterday to become the first Japanese winner of a 500cc Grand Prix for 14 years.

through the race as more fancied riders struggled for control on a windy day.
Alexander Barros crashed coming out of the first bend, which may also have inhibited the field.

Racing
Guineas doubt after Duster fails to shine

Chris Hawkins
A WEEK of dramatic developments on the Classic front culminated yesterday with news that Blue Duster is doubtfully the 1,000 Guineas after failing to impress in her work.

Brighton runners and riders

Table listing Brighton races with columns for race number, time, and participant names.

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Jungle flop
PARROT Jungle, trained by John Dunlop and ridden by Pat Eddery, could only finish seventh behind locally-trained Beauty To Petrol...

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SOCER: THE RETURN OF THE ROKER ROAR



Close shave... Sunderland's Michael Bridges hits a post

Michael Walker in the North-east checks on the Wearside team manager's weekend and wonders what lies round the corner for the club and nearby Darlington, both of them seemingly still strapped for cash

Sunderland party falls a little flat

KEVIN KEEGAN did it with Newcastle in 1993, Bryan Robson did it with Middlesbrough in 1985, and Peter Reid has now done it with Sunderland in 1996. In their first full seasons of management in the North-east all three have taken their clubs to automatic promotion.

Reid joined the triumvirate on Saturday, hearing the news as he watched Darlington, and judging by his unshaven appearance he had, in true Danny Blanchflower style, already done his celebrating.



Finding something to celebrate... at Roker Park there was a carnival atmosphere on the terraces if not on the pitch

PHOTOGRAPHS: MICHAEL STEELE

Reid steals Darlington's rare thunder

PITY the poor man who finds himself appointed manager of Darlington. The job is notoriously insecure — the incumbent, Jim Platt, is their eighth in five years — and on Saturday, when a rare moment of glory came along, it was overshadowed by the feats of another manager sitting in the crowd.

Which was a shame as Platt's men had just whipped the side three places above them and consolidated their own play-off position, doing so in front of 4,325 people; their biggest crowd of the season for their biggest win of the season.

Pushed forward and a long throw planned until their angry manager Stan Ternent leapt from the dug-out and ordered the ball to be thrown back.

Heskey looks a priceless asset

EMILE HESKEY was fazed and flattered by more than a passing resemblance to Faustino Asprilla. "Really?" he chuckled. "No one's ever said that before. I don't know about that."

My body has spread out from doing weights, running and working hard. When he is not training he spends his time studying for a leisure and tourism qualification in case, improbably, he does not make the grade as a professional footballer.

Will it be different this time? Leicester supporters have already been alarmed by Martin O'Neill's comments that "The lad's got a great future. I'd love to be his agent, although the manager has since stressed that he is keen to change the club's "cash-in-rather-than-keep" culture.

Brighton expect more trouble

BRIGHTON anticipate further angry protests for what could be the last league match at their Goldstone Ground on Saturday. Extra police will be drafted in for the visit of York, in the wake of demonstrations after Saturday's 1-0 win against Carlisle.

About 600 fans, angry at the sale of the Goldstone and at a proposed move to Portsmouth, invaded the pitch. Later, seats were ripped out and three stewards were injured trying to prevent the boardroom being stormed. There was one arrest.

Scotland lose three more for Copenhagen

SCOTLAND have lost another three players from the squad to face Denmark on Wednesday. After last week's withdrawal of Duncan Ferguson, injury claimed the Celtic midfielder Paul McStay and the defenders Colin Calderwood of Spurs and Alan McLaren of Rangers yesterday.

With Motherwell's Rob McKinnon pulling out of the pool, the B International in Falster tomorrow night, Craig Brown is left with 36 of the original 41 players he selected for the two groups. He has not called in replacements. "We have cover for the two games," he said.

Millwall 0, Oldham Athletic 1

Heated Nicholl reads the riot act

Russell Thomas JIMMY NICHOLL has two games in which to pull Millwall out of their tailspin towards relegation. That may be the easy part. The manager has also promised to correct his players' discipline "once and for all."

They ended it with Alex Rae sent off, their fourth dismissal in six games and seventh of the season. These statistics could, of course, be used to damn the manager as well. But Nicholl distanced himself from the problem. "I keep talking about the disciplinary thing, the mentality thing, the mentality of players today, they can't touch each other without somebody reacting."

Nicholl succeeded Mick McCarthy two months ago and surely will still be in charge next season, whatever Millwall's status. The 40-year-old Ulsterman admits to walking into a "much bigger job" than even he expected.

Portsmouth 0, Barnsley 0

Fenwick finds value in dross

Don Best IT WAS four minutes into time added on before David Watson got the chance to show why he is one of the most highly regarded young players in the game. The Barnsley goalkeeper tipped Rees's volley brilliantly over the bar and Portsmouth had to be content with a point.

First Division

Derby 1, B'ham C 1

Derby build their hopes

Mark Redding

DO NOT adjust your set. It's not used to say in the early days of television. The picture is still hazy but it should clear next Sunday when Crystal Palace visit the Baseball Ground in a game that is likely to settle the second automatic promotion slot.

Ian Pickering, for one, will be praying that his black-and-white side can maintain their horizontal hold on second place. "I wouldn't want to go through this again," the 54-year-old chairman said after this painfully dull draw on Saturday. "It's going to get worse. With the likes of Man City, QPR and Bolton coming down and Swindon and Blackpool coming up it's going to be a right race next season."

After Derby had been beaten in the play-off final of 1994 by Leicester City and then struggled to make an impression last season, Pickering seemed to have accepted that he had missed their chance. He decided to recoup \$9 million of the money he had invested in the club since selling his Derbyshire newspaper business for \$25 million in 1989, and out went the chairman's current exposure, taking into account the settlement of Derby's debts, at a rough guesstimate around \$12 million.

Second Division: Blackpool 1, Swindon Town 1

Allardyce goes over the top

Ian Ross A DAY memorable only for the confirmation of Swindon's return to the First Division was already sliding from the memory when the unfathomable actions of one man elevated it from the mundane to the extraordinary.



McMahon... over the moon

City, a result which may ultimately deny Blackpool the promotion they had assumed was theirs. Still, if there is a venue whose tacky behaviour is in no way out of place it is Blackpool's current home.

Blackpool 1, Swindon Town 1

Allardyce goes over the top

extent that half an hour had passed before they even shaped to threaten. By then Swindon had scrambled their way into the lead. Kevin Horlock's low drive finding the corner of the net.

Blackpool 1, Swindon Town 1

Allardyce goes over the top

Even after his vicious, curling drive had found its target, Andy Barlow struggled to push a celebratory fist through the disbelief which had enveloped him. The goal was slightly more than Blackpool deserved and somewhat less than Swindon had expected.

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Soccer

First Division: Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Crystal Palace 2

Palace coup faces Cantona

Commentary

David Lacey

SO THE seagulls have elected a French...

Coventry last November but it was like old times...



Does-a-doe... Don Goodman, Wolves' 25th-minute substitute, clambers to reach a header

chances and Richards headed against the foot of a post shortly before half-time...

doubtless undertake this summer. 'We still need one more win to make sure we can't go down'...

ment there's been in this club. 'I've always thought there was a lot needed doing, but with what we've got here at the moment we should be doing better than we are'...

Venables ends lingering doubt about quitting

getting involved in 'What if they do this' or 'What if I do that'. 'All I can say is what I said three months ago: that at the end of the tournament I would not continue...'

Gould forced to make changes

ham, picked up a groin injury in Saturday's win at Hull and is replaced by Crewe's Robbie Savage...

Weekend results

Soccer

Table of weekend soccer results including Premier League, Championship, and other divisions.

Scottish League

Table of Scottish League weekend results.

Rugby Union

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Baseball

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Ice Hockey

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

First Division: Arsenal 4, Southampton 0

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First Division: Wimbledon 2, Ipswich 0

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First Division: Blackburn Rovers 2, Norwich City 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

First Division: Middlesbrough 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

First Division: Luton Town 1, Derby County 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

First Division: Wigan Athletic 1, Barnsley 0

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First Division: Birmingham City 1, Notts County 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

First Division: Southampton 1, West Ham United 1

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# SportsGuardian

BRILLIANT SCOT BURNS UP THE ROAD TO ATLANTA

## McColgan London blitz

### Three wins in a row for Ceron

Stephen Bierley

**T**WO and a half years ago Liz McColgan, the former world 10,000 metres champion and Olympic silver medal winner, was told she would never run again. Yesterday her restoration as Britain's leading female distance runner was completed in joyous fashion when she won the London Marathon and then immediately turned her thoughts to a gold medal at this summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

McColgan's unbending determination to get back to the top, after a double knee operation almost ended her running career, has been a remarkable story of single-minded resilience and resolution. Indeed, such had been her remorseless pursuit of renewed success that she all but ran herself to a grinding, exhausted halt.

Then, after finishing fifth in this race last year, the 31-year-old Scot turned to Grete Waitz for help. Waitz, the legendary Norwegian distance runner, quickly cut back McColgan's murderous training schedule, substituting quality for quantity.

Waitz's immediate influence was there for all to see when McColgan finished first in the Great North Run last September. "I was so fortunate to have met my athletic heroine and to have her as my coach," said McColgan, who judged yesterday's dominant victory in 2hr 57min 55sec at most to perfection.



Flower power... and, unlike many runners, showing no sign of wilting. ANDY BLACKMORE

The men's winner, for an unprecedented third consecutive time, was Mexico's Dionicio Ceron in 2hr 10min 0sec. "There was further good news for Britain when Paul Evans finished third, 40 seconds behind Ceron, although he remains unsure about running the Olympic marathon. This was the hottest London race on record, the buds on the trees seeming visibly to fatten as more than 36,000

runners flew, flogged, or jogged their way through the capital's streets. For the elite and novice alike the conditions were far from ideal, and pre-race thoughts of ultra-fast times were quickly shelved. McColgan's win was not without a scare, for early on three runners, Anita Haakenstad of Norway, Firaya Sultanova of Russia and Jane Salumae of Estonia, were pulling away. After 14 miles

Haakenstad had a lead of two minutes over McColgan. "If I had been Liz I would not have allowed such a gap to develop," said Waitz, who afterwards admitted to being more than a little "nervous" at the way the race developed. "I got a bit of a fright when I lost sight of the leaders," said McColgan, who conceded that at the halfway stage she had not felt particularly good. "But as soon as I made the

effort to get on terms I began to feel much better."

Slowly, but with an absolute inevitability, McColgan began to reel in her opponents. There is always some sadness when a lone leader, on this occasion running out of her skin, begins to fragment as this most cruel of distances takes its revenge on those who push themselves just a little too far.

McColgan, who earned in the region of £150,000 for this victory (her third marathon win in six starts), overtook Haakenstad after 20 miles, never so much as glancing at the wilting Norwegian, who eventually finished fifth.

"By 17 miles I knew I was going to close the gap, but you can never take anything for granted," said McColgan. "At this point a little girl ran out on the course and I might have tripped. You just never know."

But the Scot's victory was inexorable and she finished more than two minutes ahead of the second-placed Joyce Chepchumba, of Kenya.

There is a symbiosis between McColgan and Waitz which has not only made the Scot a better technical runner but has also helped her shed a bundle of mental stress. McColgan, the devil-take-the-hindmost front runner, has been transformed.

What this victory proved was that Waitz's training schedule is spot on. Both runner and coach saw victory here as the stepping stone to success in Atlanta. In the past McColgan has proved herself capable of coping with hot and humid conditions, although virtually all marathon runners, both men and women, have serious misgivings, including Ceron.

The men's race followed a more expected pattern, with the favourites running, for the most part, in a tight swarm until the final couple of miles. Then Ceron, in yellow and black, took off like some turbo-charged bee. Belgium's Vincent Rousseau, the fastest man in the field but with a much publicised dislike of a rising thermometer, was incapable of responding to the Mexican's startling acceleration and settled for second place.

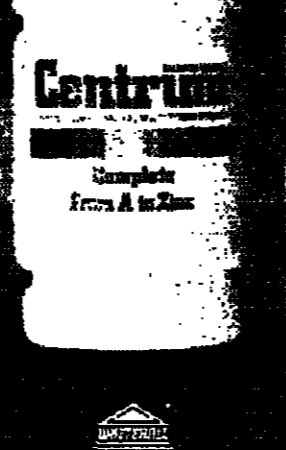
The race for third spot was between Evans and Jackson Ehabga, a little-known 19-year-old Kenyan, whose late pushing of the pace certainly aided Ceron's victory.

Afterwards the British runner refused to be drawn on his Olympic plans. Peter Whitehead and Richard Nerurkar have already been pre-selected for Atlanta, subject to fitness, and Evans would seem an obvious addition. However, he is apparently more keen to try for a 10,000m place and then run another city marathon in the autumn. For McColgan, thank goodness, the only marathon that matters now is Atlanta.

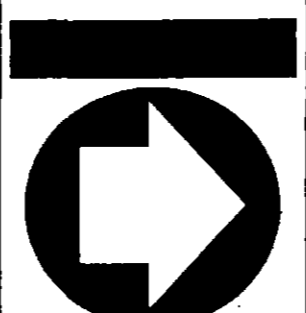


Digging for victory... McColgan heading for her first London win. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

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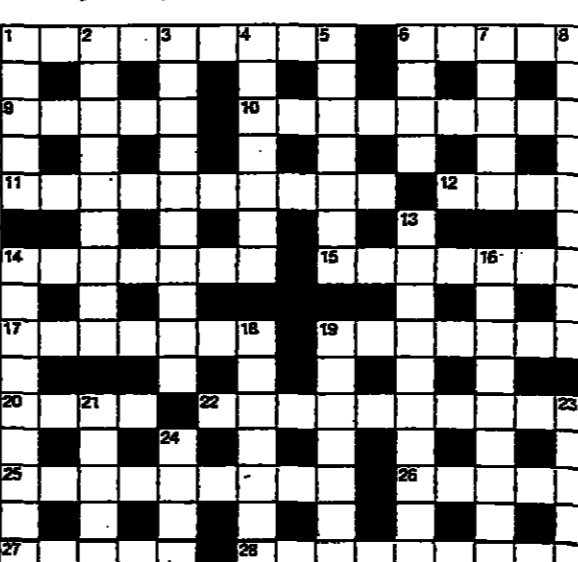


**"I am old-fashioned. I think kids should have part-time jobs at his age, but there are none around here. He could probably get work up in town, but we couldn't afford to get him there."**

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